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Subject: My comment on the Microsoft settlement.

Dear Sirs,

I am not going to go into the reasons why I think the settlement that was reached by the Dept. of Justice and Microsoft should not be used. But I will go as far as to say that I do not believe that the settlement reached will do anything but seed further entrenchment that Microsoft binds us to their software. I therefore, are very much opposed to the settlement offering and wish the Dept. of Justice to seek the full remedy the court system can impose on them whatever that maybe. Until we impose a full remedy to this they will continue to behave in this manner, as I believe a study of current software EULA will show nothing has changed. Also the abuse of Microsoft to adopt open source technologies into their system os and not abide by the license agreement further troubles me that they are taking content from the open source community and on the other hand doing everything in their power to limit and destroy that same community. If we are to gain anything from this whole judgment, we need to effect a remedy that will bolster the innovative competition to level the playing field. I am also in favor of a quick settlement, the longer this drags on the longer Microsoft has to pile up funds to fight this judgment.

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